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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



BUSINESS CORNER

City Helps Businesses Focus on Transportation Solutions for Employees

The city is promoting “green” commuting in Fairfax by providing government-to-business transportation solutions with the goal of encouraging employees to take transit and/or carpool. The city can work with city employers to provide information and assist with program implementation — which would, in turn, assist and encourage employees to use these services. This initiative was enthusiastically received at a recent meeting with Old Town Fairfax merchants.

Employers can implement one or more transportation programs to make commuting more efficient while showing commitment to employees and the environment. The majority of these programs can be added to a company's benefits package, aiding in employee recruitment and retention, with little to no cost to the business.

Strategies include public transportation (such as CUE Bus); ridesharing; teleworking program implementation; transit or Smartbenefits; flexible work scheduling; guaranteed ride home programs; Van Start, Van Save program; Rideshare Preferred Parking; commuting “lunch and learn” sessions; and more.

This initiative partners the city with Fairfax County Employer Services. Information: Wendy.Sanford@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7889.

New CUE Buses Roll Out As City Replaces Aging Fleet

Kee an eye out for the six new CUE buses that will roll onto city streets later this month. These buses will replace the city's oldest buses in service for more than a dozen years.

Although they look similar to the older vehicles, the new buses have key differences: they are even more fuel-efficient than their hybrid counterparts, taking advantage of new technology. New buses also are less expensive to repair, featuring less expensive parts that are not as specialized.

The city is receiving funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for the purchase of these buses, which are larger than the old buses, accommodating more passengers.



The CUE Bus system travels throughout the city, to George Mason University and to the Vienna/GMU-Fairfax Metrorail station seven days a week (except certain holidays). Find schedules, route maps and more on the city website. Information: 703-385-7859, www.cuebus.org.

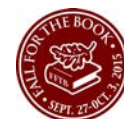
Fall for the Book Held September 27 to October 3

Readers and book lovers are invited to one of Virginia's premiere book festivals: Fall for the Book, to be held September 27 to October 3. Many events are held in the City of Fairfax, as well as at George Mason University and around the region.

The 2015 festival in-

cludes iconic authors such as Diana Gabaldon, Tim O'Brien and Ernest J. Gaines, as well as emerging writers. Readers of children's and

young adult fiction will find many renowned authors. Check out the new Fall for the Book app. Information: www.fallforthebook.org, 703-993-3986.



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If you're new to the city, welcome!

Call 703-385-7800

for new resident information.

City **NEWS** AND Notes

City Offices Close September 7 for Labor Day

City government offices will close September 7 for Labor Day. General District Court also will be closed (703-385-7866).

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule (703-385-7859).

Trash and recyclables will not be collected September 7. Monday and Tuesday regular collection will be provided on Tuesday, September 8 (703-385-7837). Yard waste on regular Monday and Tuesday routes will be collected on or soon after September 8.



SafeAssured ID Event Offered September 26*

The police department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will offer a SafeAssured ID System event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 26 (*please note date change*) by appointment: 703-385-7925. The SafeAssured ID System provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child, and vital personal information accessible only by law enforcement.

Apply Now for the Citizen's Fire Academy



Learn more about the operation and organization of the City of Fairfax Fire Department at the Citizen's Fire Academy, which begins September 10 at the city's Public Safety Training Center, 9650 Colonial Avenue. Please register on the city website. Information: 703-385-7940.

Library Book Sales to be Held September 19, 25-27

Looking for a gently-used book? Look no further than the City of Fairfax Regional Library, which is hosting two book sales in September. Information: 703-293-6227.

The fall children's book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library, will be held from 10 a.m. to

3 p.m. September 19 at the library, 10360 North Street.

Books for readers of all ages will be sold at the library September 25-27 at a book sale sponsored by Friends of the Virginia Room and Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Support Blenheim at Taste of the Vine September 25

Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of food and wine at Taste of the Vine, a fundraiser to be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. September 25 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$55 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine, music, a silent auction and more. The event is sponsored by Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

Information: 703-591-5305.

Free Outdoor Concerts Continue Through September

Enjoy music in Fairfax this summer with numerous outdoor concerts. Concert-goers should bring their own seating. Concerts are cancelled in case of inclement weather. *Information:* 703-352-ARTS.

Summer Nights in the City: Old Town Plaza Series offers concerts at 7 p.m. on Fridays through September 18 in Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road.

Rock the Block wraps up its 2015 season with *Almost Journey/2U Tribute Band* from 6-9 p.m. September 25 in Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive.



City Ranks 11th in Nation for Soccer Fans

Soccer fans, rejoice! According to Wallet Hub, the City of Fairfax ranks 11th in the nation for soccer fans.

WalletHub compared the 172 most populated U.S. cities with at least one college or professional soccer team and analyzed a total of 18 key metrics.

WalletHub is a social media company that provides information on financial products, companies and professionals.



Rely on NextBus for Real-Time Bus Arrival Information

Don't spend your time standing at a bus stop: use NextBus for real-time arrival information for CUE Buses (as well as Metro and other local transit services).

NextBus gives current arrival time for each CUE Bus stop. Choose the bus line (Green or Gold) and the stop — or let your device geolocator do that for you. All CUE Buses are equipped with GPS trackers.

Use NextBus your way:

- Web browser: www.nextbus.com (computer and smartphone or handheld device)
- smartphone app (free): iOS and Android systems

Passengers also may call the CUE Bus Office at 703-385-7992 information and assistance during bus service hours. Bus passengers still should arrive at their stops a few minutes early.

Pick up a free CUE Bus e-schedule at www.commuterpage.com/handheld.

Reminder: Free WiFi at Old Town Square

Guests in Old Town Square now may enjoy free WiFi during their visit: choose the *_OldTownSquare* network and accept the usage agreement. Old Town Square offers a secured connection using a Firewall and content filter; however, users should ensure their devices have sufficient protection.

Information: 703-385-7858.



Citizen Input Sought on Solid Waste Management Services

The amount of waste created by city residents has increased by 70 percent in the past 35 years, from 2.7 to 4.6 pounds per day. The city aims to minimize the amount of waste being sent to the landfill through source reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery — and seeks citizen assistance and input.

The city is developing a *Solid Waste Management Plan* with specific and measurable goals and objectives. The plan will provide direction for managing the city's solid waste for the next two decades. This plan will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, as required by law.

The city will hold public meetings this fall to obtain community input on the develop-

ment of the plan — look for information on the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling and on city media.

Residents who receive city refuse and recycling services may offer input on a survey posted through September 30 at www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling.

The city has distributed a *Solid Waste Services Guide* and recycling magnet to residents who receive refuse and recycling services from the city. The guide features information on residential curbside collection services such as yard waste, large items and hazardous waste. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling, 703-385-7837, RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov.

General Election Set for November 3; Absentee Voting Begins September 18

Mark November 3 as the day to get out and vote. Information: 703-385-7890.

The ballot for the November 3 General Election includes Virginia House of Delegates (District 37) and Senate (District 34). Also on the ballot November are Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk of Court and Sheriff (three constitutional offices the city shares with Fairfax County).

In-person absentee voting for the upcoming General Election begins September 18. To request an absentee ballot from the City of Fairfax Office of Voter Registration and Elections, call 703-385-7890 or visit

www.fairfaxva.gov/vote.

Absentee voting is provided for voters who commute at least 11 hours on Election Day or attend school outside of the locality. Additionally, first responders, caregivers or voters with disabilities are eligible for absentee voting. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/vote for complete absentee voting information.

New voters may register to vote and current voters may change their registration information (such as name and address) by October 12, before the upcoming General Election. Have a DMV account? Register to vote online at www.vote.virginia.gov.

Zoning Rewrite Effort Seeks Public Response; Outreach Meeting Set for October 22

The City of Fairfax seeks public input on the Zoning Rewrite, the city's project to develop clear and user-friendly ordinances consistent with present-day plans and policies. The City Council and the Planning Commission will review draft zoning and subdivision ordinances in September and October, as will other city boards and commissions.

The public is invited to offer input at a meeting at 7 p.m. October 22 at Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway. Comments also are accepted online; visit



the Zoning Rewrite draft document at www.zoningfairfax.com.

The zoning ordinance is important for both business and residential communities: it regulates how land and buildings may be used, how much parking is required, and how much space buildings can use. It also regulates landscaping, tree removal and signage. Additionally, the zoning ordinance includes provisions for the city's historic district and properties. Information: 703-385-7930, www.zoningfairfax.com, Twitter: [@ZoningFairfax](https://twitter.com/ZoningFairfax).



City Replaces Worn, Broken Recycling Bins

Replace a broken city-issued recycling bins with a new one, courtesy of the Operations Division: just e-mail RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7837 to request a new bin. (Mark broken bins for removal and place them at the curb on the regular curbside collection day.)

E-Cycle, Shredding Service Available

E-cycle — Dispose of electronics safely for free at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Shredding — Residents may bring up to five medium-sized boxes for shredding from 8 a.m. to noon at these events:

- September 19: Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield;
- October 17: Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly;
- October 24: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Information: 703-324-5230.



Stay Connected



City of Fairfax Sustainability
www.facebook.com/CityFfxSustain



Profile name: FfxSustainability
Twitter Handle: @CityFfxSustain

Solid Waste Services Guide Available

For refuse and recycling information, see the city's new Solid Waste Services Guide, available online and by request.

Information: 703-385-7837, RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Police Accept OTC Drugs, Prescription Medicine September 26

Participate in Drug Take-Back Day by bringing unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Station September 26.

Pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers (no needles or syringes) will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 26 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Drop-off is anonymous; no identification or prescription information is required.

Information: 703-385-7829.

Since the twice-yearly take-back program launched in October 2011, the city has collected 1,829 pounds of expired or unused medication.

Prepare for Inclement Weather: Find Resources Now

September is National Preparedness Month, so now is the time to think about the types of services you may need when winter arrives — and who can provide them for you if needed.

Before the weather turns cold, locate service providers for the types of service you may need in the winter, including snow shoveling, heater repair, downed limb removal, building repair and more. Ask neighbors and civic association leaders for recommendations, if needed.

Remember, your neighbors depend on you to keep walkways passable during inclement weather.

Also, now is the time to make sure there are ample shovels, ice melt, insulation and other tools in case inclement weather requires their use.

City of Fairfax Asks: How Are We Communicating?

The city strives to provide ample information in a convenient, timely manner using effective, helpful tools.

Have ideas or suggestions on the city's communication? Feel free to send a message via WeCare@fairfaxva.gov or drop a line to the Community Relations Office in City Hall.

Personal Property Tax, Decal Payments Due October 5

Bills for personal property taxes and motor vehicle licenses (formerly known as "decal fee") will look a little different this year, thanks to the new computer software in use by the office of the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue.

Bills for personal property and motor vehicle license tax will be mailed by early September and are due by October 5. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest.

To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report any changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

Bills may be paid in person. However, if no changes are needed, save time by paying by mail or via City Hall drop-boxes (check only). If paying in person, please bring the entire bill.

Consider paying online through the city's website using a credit card (additional fee

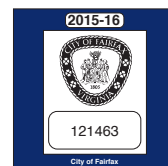
applied) or e-check (free service).

The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as from 5-7 p.m. Monday, October 5.

The 2015 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The Commonwealth will pay 49.04 percent of the tax for the first \$20,000 of a personal use vehicles' assessed value. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Both the personal property *and* the motor vehicle license tax must be paid to receive the city decal (pictured, above).

Decals will be mailed October 19 and decal enforcement begins November 15. Decals must be displayed on all vehicles garaged in the city.

Information: 703-385-7900 (tax payments), 703-385-7880 (personal property tax/assessment information).



New School Start Times Expected to Affect Old Lee Highway Traffic

The City of Fairfax Police Department alerts drivers that the new start time for Fairfax County Public Schools that begins September 8 may affect traffic later than in years past, particularly on Old Lee Highway.

Start times for schools on Old Lee Highway are:

- St. Leo's Elementary School: 8 a.m.
- Fairfax High School: 8:10 a.m. (new time)
- Daniels Run Elementary School: 9 a.m.

Fairfax High School's new start time (70 minutes later than the previous school year)

is expected to affect traffic on Old Lee Highway after 7:40 a.m. on school days.

Please note: Fairfax High School's dismissal time has been changed to 2:55 p.m. — this also could impact afternoon traffic, which traditionally is lighter than morning traffic on Old Lee Highway.

Drivers always must observe the 30 miles per hour speed limit on Old Lee Highway and be alert for pedestrians attempting to use crosswalks and for bicyclists using traffic lanes. **Information:** 703-385-7925.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy for an alternate member)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. **Information:** 703-385-7935.



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Author Hampton Newsome gives a lecture on his book, *Richmond Must Fall: The Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, October 1864*.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm through September 14

Take a tour of the historic Fairfax County Courthouse and learn about the region through a series of talks given in the original courtroom.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm beginning September 15

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

Encore!

Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

City Council

 Tuesday, September 1, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, September 2, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, September 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, September 5, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, September 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 2

 Tuesday, September 8, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, September 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, September 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, September 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, September 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 9

 Tuesday, September 29, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, September 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, October 2, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, October 3, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, October 4 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 30

Planning Commission

 Monday, September 14, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, September 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, September 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 15

 Monday, September 28, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, September 29, 10 am

Thursday, October 1, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 29

School Board

September 14 meeting archived online beginning September 15 (*wideshot*).

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

September 1 special meeting and work session

- Closed meeting to conduct interviews for boards and commissions. (*tentative*)
- Discussion of sewer system lateral repairs. (*tentative*)

September 8 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion of House Bill 2 project proposals for Government Center Parkway extension and University Drive extension.
- Discussion of University Drive Road Diet evaluation.
- Consideration: of a resolution for establishment of the city's position regarding housing affordability; of resolution for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board by-laws; of acceptance of the Assistance For Firefighters Grant; of an amendment to an existing contract with Superior Paving; of an amendment to an existing contract with A & M Concrete; of a resolution allowing the city manager to sign the fiscal year 2015-16 DRPT agreement for the CUE bus operating assistance.
- Introduction of ordinances: to amend the future salaries of the Mayor and City Council; to amend the stipend for certain boards and commissions; to amend City Code that pertains to child care.
- Introductions: of supplemental appropriations:

for the Kamp Washington project; to create a 30 percent transportation engineering account.

- Public hearing on a request at 9431-9495 Silver King Court, inclusive, for: a general development plan amendment with profers for the 9.10 acre Mantua Professional Center Commercial Planned Development; special exceptions on maximum height, gross density and landscaping; for variances on sidewalks; and for a *Comprehensive Plan* amendment to change the future land use designation.
- Public hearing on a *Comprehensive Plan* amendment that areas designated as mixed use are similar to designated growth areas and meet the intent of the Code of Virginia.

September 29 regular meeting

- Consideration: of a resolution regarding health care for Mayor, City Council and School Board at 100 percent of the cost borne by the elected official; of the 2016 Road Races; of an award of contract to Ardent for Kamp Washington construction project; of an award of contract to Volker for Kamp Washington construction management.
- Public hearing on an ordinance to amend City Code that pertains to child care.
- Public hearing on an ordinance to amend future salaries of the Mayor and City Council.

- Public hearing on an ordinance to amend the stipend for certain boards and commissions.
- Public hearing on Roberts Road sidewalk project.
- Public hearing on a supplemental appropriation for the Kamp Washington project.
- Public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to create a 30 percent transportation engineering account.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

September 14 and 28 work sessions

- Review and discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

September 14 regular meeting

- Presentations: student representative report; on tuition bill and FCPS fiscal forecast; summer school report; on school opening update; on updated School Board communications plan; on update of capital and administrative accounts.
 - Approval of carry-forward of fiscal year 2014-15 funds; of Virginia Retirement System Resolution.
- September 21 work session
- Presentations: on Green Acres Feasibility Study; on city finance operations; on the review work session/RSBM schedule.



Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

City Council Reporter

July 14, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an extension of the contract with Superior Paving Corporation for an estimated amount of \$1,722,031 for milling and paving of city streets for fiscal year 2015-16; Consideration of an extension of the contract with A & M Concrete Corporation for an estimated amount of \$992,600 for concrete and brick repairs for fiscal year 2015-16; Consideration of an award of contract to Lemay Erickson Wilcox Architects, PC for architectural and engineering services for Fire Station No. 33 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the phase one, feasibility study; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the fiscal year 2015-16 agreements between the City and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); Consideration of a task order in the amount of \$366,567 to Rinker Design & Associates for final plan development, public involvement, right of way acquisition services and construction administration for the Chain Bridge Road sidewalk project; Consideration of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for City of Fairfax personal property tax relief for the 2015 tax year at 49.04 percent; and Consideration of a boundary line adjustment between certain parcels of real property at and adjacent to Old Town Square owned by the city and the city's Economic Development Authority. *(Councilmember Loftus was absent.)*

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental

appropriation of \$5,206.23 for the transfer of NVTa 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Downtown Fund to fund the University Drive roadway design and traffic analysis project. *(Councilmember Loftus was absent.)*

- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation of \$302,326 for the transfer of NVTa 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Capital Fund to fund construction for the Fairfax Boulevard Roadbed Reconstruction Project from Kamp Washington to Fairchester Drive. *(Councilmember Loftus was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation of \$995,000 for funding awarded to the city through VDOT's fiscal year 2015-16 Primary Extension Paving Program. *(Councilmember Loftus was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation of \$30,000 for the transfer of NVTa 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Capital Fund to fund the George T. Snyder Trail Project. *(Councilmember Loftus was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending and reenacting City Code Section 98-1, Article 1, Chapter 98 to incorporate by reference into the City Code certain state code provisions relating to the state motor vehicle laws, driving motor vehicles while intoxicated, and disposition of such cases for juveniles. *(Councilmember Loftus was absent.)*

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, the fee proposal for a task order for A. Morton Thomas and Associates Inc. for project inspection and oversight consultant services for Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50) reconstruction from Kamp Washington to Fairchester Drive in an estimated amount of \$98,044.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to award a contract for an estimated amount of \$920,978.20 to Fort Myer Construction Corporation for the reconstruction of Route 50 from Kamp Washington to Fairchester Drive.

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to boards and commissions

- Appointed: Kevin Connors to the Board of Architectural Review, Paula Johnson to the Commission for Women, and Michael O'Brien to the Economic Development Authority.
- Reappointed: Huilan Larson to the Commission for Women and Gary Bottorff to the George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board.

The public is invited to attend City Council meetings and work sessions. See page 5 for meeting information. Agendas are available on the city's website, or contact the City Clerk's Office (CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7935).

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Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000 		1 Mason Welcome Week  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	2 Mason Welcome Week Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	3 Mason Welcome Week City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Mason Welcome Week Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	5  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue  SafeAssured ID: postponed to 9/26 (information, reservations: 703-385-7925) Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
6  Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	7 Labor Day Refuse/recyclables are not collected City government offices closed; General District Court closed; CUE Bus runs on a Saturday schedule	8 Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	9 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	10 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	11 Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	12  Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road Swing Dance, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center
13  Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Second Sunday: "We Cannot Be Tame Spectators:" Four Centuries of Virginia Women's History, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	14  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	15 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	16 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	17 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, The Greene Turtle, 3950 University Drive	18 In-person absentee voting begins for the November 3 General Election Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	19  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Shredding event, 8 am to noon, Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
20  Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	21 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	22	23	24 Community Appearance Committee budget meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	25 Fairfax High School homecoming, parade (traffic detours in effect) Taste of the Vine, 6:30 pm, Historic Blenheim SpongeBob Movie, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Rock the Block! Almost Journey/2U, 6-9 pm, Old Town Square	26 Farmers' Market  Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street Drug Take-Back Day, 10 am to 2 pm, Police Station Irish Folk Festival, noon to 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center and Auld Shebeen
27 Farmers' Market  Mathew Brady's Portraits of a Nation, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim  Diana Gabaldon, 6:30 pm, Center for the Arts	28  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  Ernest J. Gaines, 7:30 pm, EagleBank Arena	29  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  Karen Leona Anderson and Jerry Gabriel, 7:30 pm, George Mason University Johnson Center	30  Mark Tooley, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library  Better Said Than Done: A Night of Storytelling, 7 pm, Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road	HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS City Government Information 703-385-7855 City News and Events 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 George Mason University Events 703-993-1000 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.		
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City Happenings

Guided Walking Tour of Old Town Fairfax September 12

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tour steps off at 11 a.m. September 12 from Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road. Cost: \$10 per person age 12 and older; \$5 for youth age 6-12; \$25 per family.

Reservations recommended: 703-385-8414.

Book Talks on Women's History, Brady's Photography September 13, 27

Learn about "We Cannot Be Tame Spectators:" *Four Centuries of Virginia Women's History* at 2 p.m. September 13 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. *Information:* 703-385-8414.

Discover *Matthew Brady's Portraits of a Nation* at 2 p.m. September 27 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. *Information:* 703-591-0560.

Children's Performance Series Begins New Season September 21

The Children's Performance Series begins its new season at 10:30 a.m. September 21 in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

These free events are held at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, excluding holidays, sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. *Information:* www.fairfaxarts.org.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues September 25; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *The SpongeBob Movie* for free September 25 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m., and participants may bring their own snacks.

Future movies in the Sherwood Cinema Series include *The Boxtrolls* on October 23, *Cinderella* on November 20 and *Rise of the Guardians* on December 18.

The Fairfax non-profit organization

Our Daily Bread is accepting non-perishable food donations; call 703-385-7858 for guidelines.

Irish Folk Festival Set for September 26

Explore all things Irish at the free Irish Folk Festival from noon to 7:30 p.m. September 26 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center and the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road.

The event, co-sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts and the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann-O'Neill-Malcom Branch, feature musicians, Irish set dancing, Ceili dancing, food and children's programs. *Information:* www.ccepotomac.org.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Offered on Saturdays

Take a free tour of one of the city's oldest residences: the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street.

Tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance on other days.

Information: 703-385-8414.